

DARBY-COBBS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Monday, August 30, 2010 | 3:00 – 5:00pm | Laura Sims Skatehouse (200 S. 63rd Street)

Notes

3:00 – 3:05	Greetings and Sign-In
3:05 – 3:10	Welcome and Introductions Khiet Luong, <i>Pennsylvania Environmental Council</i>
3:10 – 3:20	Project Updates Khiet Luong, <i>PEC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and Recreation will produce a trail map for the Cobbs Creek walk - 10/9 • Joe C. – 300+ people came and offered 1,000 hours of service, and removed 30 tons of stone. PWD cleared the trail from 63rd to Bocce woods. [Joe P. mentioned that he saw another person for the 1st time on that section. “If you like the Wissahickon, you’ll like this new section.” • Tiffany – PWD will host Fishing Fest from 7am-12pm on September 11th • Adonna – The fundraiser for the golf team raised enough to buy 4 sets of golf clubs for the kids. • Kesho – My son is involved with Franklin’s Paine to design a skate park at McCreesh Rec Center. • Jean H. – Parks & Recreation is going to start a bicycle club for teens this fall with Neighborhood BikeWorks and Bicycle Coalition. • Khiet referenced green streets projects that will happen in Haddington and Cobbs Creek neighborhoods of the city this fall
3:20– 4:30	Cobbs Creek 5k Walk (Guest - Alan Joinville, <i>Philadelphia Parks & Recreation</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes below.
4:30 – 4:50	Summarize & Review Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khiet summarized next steps
4:50 – 4:55	Announcements & Calendar Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 4 – Last day to register for Golf Course club with Laura Sims Skatehouse Foundation • September 11 – Philly Fun Fishing Fest at Schuylkill Banks • September 18 – Rhythm and Blues Fest with Partnership CDC on 40th and Market Street! • September 25 – Cobbs Creek West Community Association’s outdoor movie event • October 16 – OCTOBERFEST with the 60th Street West Market Street Business Association • Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership website: www.phillywatersheds.org/darbycobbs • Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership Calendar: www.phillywatersheds.org/whats_in_it_for_you/events_and_programs • Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ and search for <i>Green City, Clean Waters</i>
4:55 – 5:00	Closing and Schedule next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set future mtg date

Cobbs Creek Walk Discussion Notes

- We are aiming to bring 100-150 people to this event and not a very large crowd. Jean emphasized that we should bring our core membership.
- We all felt that stakeholders in the Darby-Cobbs Watershed Partnership should be recognized in both a brochure, and verbally.
- PWD agreed to create a flyer and large posters for this event, and needs details.
- Alain Joinville mentioned that general registration could be set up via email.
- The group needs to determine who will represent the partnership. We determined that we should have one person speak, and a small group of people representing the diversity (DelCo and Philly) of the partnership to stand behind the representative. A subcommittee was formed to select someone: Betsey & Joe Piette, Adonna, and Julia Chinn.

- **Brainstormed List of Improvements to Park**
 1. Signage
 - Interpretative, Directional, Historical, Ecology & Nature
 - Mile markers
 2. Brochure for Recreational Opportunities along Cobbs Creek
 3. Trail Map for Recreational Opportunities along Cobbs Creek

- **Brainstorm about Outreach Strategies for Event**
 1. Theme – ***Cobbs Creek, It's Not Just a Walk in the Park.***
 2. **Ken** will reach out to the (50-100) regular daily walkers at the Cobbs Creek Rec. Center.
 3. **Adonna & Kesho** will focus on outreach to a few schools.
 4. **PPR can make signs** to advertise this event along the corridor, but Jean needs to know the following: A) How many signs and B) What to say on the signs

- **Brainstorm about Programs that will happen after the Walk**
 1. Walking Tours
 - **Jed & Adonna** will collaborate to organize a hike led by Jed and the park docents from CCCEEC.
 2. Moveable Skateboard Ramp
 - **Kesho** will follow up with this.
 3. Environmental Education
 - **Tiffany** will follow up with the (formerly) Fairmount Park educators to deliver some educational topics
 4. 5k Leisure Run
 - **Joe Piette** will lead a leisurely test run of the Spring 2011 Cobbs Creek 5k route
 5. History Tours
 - **Khiet** will reach out to Scott Maits and Jeanette MacNeille about doing this.
 6. YES Students at Laura Sims
 - **Delores** will see about getting the summer 2010 YES interns involved

Announcements

September

- **Thursday, September 9** – *DEADLINE for 10th Annual Friends of the Heinz Refuge Photo Group Photo Contest.* www.fws.gov/heinz
- **Saturday, September 11, 7 am-2pm** – *Philly Fun Fishing Fest* at Schuylkill Banks by the Walnut Street Dock. Come to Schuylkill Banks during the Fish Fest to receive fishing instruction and compete in a tournament to win great prizes! No fishing licences are required and gear will be available on a first come, first served basis. <http://www.schuylkillbanks.org/calendarEventView.aspx?topicID=0&eventID=307>
- **Saturday, September 11, 10 am-3pm** – *Healthy and Safe Community Fair* at Laura Sims Skate House in Cobbs Creek Park, (200 S. 63rd St.). There will be health screenings, information, programs and activities for children and adults. Healthy food cooking demonstration, food samples and free lunch. This is a joint venture between the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Nursing Community Outreach Program and Friends of Laura Sims Skate House Advisory Council. For information: 215-685-1995 or laurasimsskate@aol.com
- **Saturday, September 11** – *Pennsylvania Coast Day*, Penn's Landing, Walnut Plaza, Walnut and Columbus Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Pennsylvania Coast Day is a free festival for families. Visitors will have four ways to experience the Delaware River. These include free tours on the RiverLink Ferry (first 1,200 people), \$5 kayak lessons, and \$5 pedal-boat rides. Pennsylvania Coast Day—brought to you by the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary. http://www.delawareestuary.org/news_coastday.asp
- **Saturday, September 11, 11am – 4pm** – *PHS Fall Garden Festival*, Navy Yard
- **Sunday, September 12, 11am-6pm**, - *GreenFest Philly*, 2nd and South Streets.
- **Saturday, September 18th (usually 12– 4pm)** [TENTATIVE] - Delaware County Riverfront Ramble, Heinz Wildlife Refuge, Marcus Hook, Market Square, and Wharf at Riverton.
- **Saturday, September 18th (11am– 3pm)** – *Street Games Philly 2010*, at Park West Town Center, <http://streetgames.eventbrite.com/>
- **Sunday, September 19** – *DCVA Governor Printz Canoe/Kayak Challenge and Ramble Start* at Heinz Wildlife Refuge - contact Jaclyn Rhoads 610-532-5105 Jaclyn_Rhoads@yahoo.com or www.dcva.org/upcoming.html

October

- **Saturday, October 9** – *Cobbs Creek Walk event*

November

- **November 21** – *Fall for Your Park!* www.morrisparkphiladelphia.org